

# Varnadoe's Phlox Pink Piedmont Azalea



**Hard to find and  
heat tolerant!**

## *Rhododendron 'Varnadoe's Phlox Pink'*

- **Use:** An excellent large-flowered Piedmont Azalea. It is a large-flowered, fragrant, heat tolerant cultivar. It can take temperatures as low as minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit. It's deciduous, so it's best to use it behind other plants in a perennial border, where it fades into the background in the winter.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun to shade. As with other azaleas, the partial shade of tall trees overhead is the ideal. It will adapt to full-sun sites, though. You just need to water it during times when it isn't raining enough. Grows best in moist, well-drained, organic soils with a pH range from 4.5 to 6.0. "Well-drained" is the key. Planting it in places that don't drain well is a sure death sentence.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 4 to 5 ft. tall, 3 to 5 ft. wide. .
- **Hardiness:** 5-9 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Very lustrous dark green leaves turn orange-bronze in fall. The handsome leaves are exceptionally mildew free.
- **Flower:** Large flower buds are prominent in the winter and open to trusses of 18-30 flowers. Bright pink buds open to medium pink, fragrant, tubular flowers in April.